

**COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN
REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY**

Courtesy Resolution

JOYCELYN WORTHAM

WHEREAS, Joycelyn Wortham believed in the power of an appropriate education and was a consummate example of lifelong learning for all. She earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education/special education from Tuskegee University; a master's from the University of Alabama; a second master's in emotional disturbance from Tuskegee; and a doctorate in special education from the University of Alabama. Most recently, she was accepted at Boise State University where she hoped to obtain her online certification so that she could broaden her educational reach to students in more remote geographic areas; and

WHEREAS, Joycelyn began her impressive career in special education in Prattville, Alabama as a special education teacher of children with behavior disorders and mental retardation. Her career soon expanded to serving all children with disabilities as a classroom teacher. Joycelyn later became a university professor and eventually held the position of educational specialist with the Alabama Department of Education, Division of Special Education Services. In all these positions, she was compassionate, creative, and helpful; and

WHEREAS, as a dedicated teacher leader, her focus was always the student and the creative ways by which educators could positively impact student learning; and

WHEREAS, Jocelyn served the Alabama state unit since 1987 holding the positions of Alabama CEC governing board member (1992-1999), Alabama representative to the CEC Representative Assembly (2003-2005), and membership chair (1999-2005 and 2009-2011); and

WHEREAS, Joycelyn had been a consistently active member of the Council for Exceptional Children, serving as a board member on the CEC Board of Directors (2010-2011) until her death on December 23, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wortham inspired, encouraged, and provided support to many individuals across the state of Alabama and beyond as they pursued a profession in special education; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Alabama Council for Exceptional Children and the Council for Exceptional Children during the annual meeting of the CEC Representative Assembly in National Harbor, Maryland, the 28th day of April, two thousand and eleven, extend their deep appreciation and admiration for Dr. Joycelyn Wortham's many contributions to CEC, the Alabama state unit, and the many students with exceptionalities and the teachers who served them.